

associations. Why? Because we have the traditional controls of the Workers' Compensation Court and the Department of Insurance for the general issuance of policies, no new regulation is needed. So the committee amendments strike the reference to registration by the departments, strike the injunctive relief and make clear that these policies comply with the deductible statute in the comp court law, and the existing premium rating statutes in the Department of Insurance. I urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Landis. There are no further lights on. Do you have closing? Question before the body is, shall the committee amendments be adopted to LB 515? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, to open on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me just summarize the bill by saying proponents at the hearing included the New Car Dealers, the Bankers Association, the Department of Insurance itself appeared as a proponent, the Home Owners Association, the Home Builders Association, rather, the Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska, the Nebraska Press Association, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce. I can tell you that Judge Novicoff appeared in a neutral capacity. But when the committee adopted the amendment he suggested, his concerns about the bill were vitiated completely. My hope is that the bill can mean one of two things, either lower workers' comp premiums for association members, or, even better, the readjustment of those premium savings into safety programs throughout the work places of the state. That would be a terrific outcome. I urge the advancement of 515.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, no lights, care to close? Closing is waived? Question is, shall LB 515 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 515.